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**Advisory Action**

The applicant argues that the fuel and effluent are in contact with each other. This argument is not found persuasive since both are contained within their own bladder and are separated from each other.

The argument pertaining to the free energy is found non-persuasive. In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986). The capillary forces are used in a manner to usher fuel to the stack and effluent away wherein the surface free energy of the capillary material is different and promotes a cycle from fuel to effluent.

The applicant's interpretation of "fin" shape is not commensurate in scope with the claim. A fin can either be one element protruding from another or a plurality of "Λ" like shapes. The applicant is encouraged to add structural limitations that further define the structure. As such, the prior art of record reads on this limitation

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